

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 19 October to 25 October 2012.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking System Rescues, One.

Incident 1:

Beacon ID: 2DCE6144A8FFBFF

On 20 October 2012 at 2103 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 36 02.6N 111 55.2W, 11 NM east of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. A female hiker in a group of hikers suffered a heat stroke in Grand Canyon National Park, and activated her PLB. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) received the SARSAT alert and contacted the Grand Canyon Park Service. The Park Service did not think the location was in their Area of Responsibility (AOR) so AFRCC forwarded it to the 66th Rescue Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. The 66th Rescue Squadron dispatched a helicopter, and located the stricken woman. The 66th Rescue squadron coordinated with the Grand Canyon Park Service and airlifted the woman to the Grand Canyon Airport, where EMS personnel transported her by ambulance to a Flagstaff hospital.

1 SARSAT RESCUE

Total number of rescues for FY 13: 4

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 217

Significance: The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems. (LTJG Timothy Siquefield, 301-817-4757)